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Oliver P. Morton, a well-known Carlisle graduate, died last week in camp.

We print an extra edition of this issue of the TRANSPORTER, to accommodate those wanting extra copies.

A party of farmers from the Chickasaw country passed through on Tuesday, enroute for "No Man's Land."

Jim Samson has harvested his oat crop raised on Geo. Bent's farm, and is now stuffing his livery stock in good shape.

Wm. Ross, colored, is performing service on the Darlington and Cantonment semi-weekly mail route as sub-contractor.

The first green apples of the season appeared from the Washita country last Tuesday, selling at fifty cents per dozen.

Tuesday of last week was undoubtedly the most oppressive day of the season, the thermometer registering 95 degrees in the shade.

The Arapahoe school building, after many years of patient waiting, is being treated to a new coat of paint. Its appearance is much improved.

Master Henry Johnson, son of Mr. Johnson, of Silver City, returned on the 3rd from New York City, where he has been in school for a few years. He is a bright boy.

The failure of the church choir is regretted by all church-goers of the Agency, although there has been no services for a few Sundays. However, the choir failed first.

J. S. Morrison's children, Ned and Miss Nellie, are home from school to spend vacation. Miss Nellie is visiting Miss Hutchins at Anadarko, while Ned is stopping with his father.

Arthur Helliwell, in company with T. H. Russell, of the Washita Cattle Co., was here last week. Mr. H. is an Englishman having been only two years upon this side of the "briny deep."

The Darlington Hotel enjoyed an increased business the past week, a great many cattlemen and others from a distance being in to celebrate. Mr. Murphy cared for the boys in good shape.

Those present from the Wichita Agency at the Reno celebration were Agent Lee Hall, his little daughter Jessie Hall, Mr. Morrill, Mr. Hornback, Fred Schlegel, and others whose names the reporter failed to catch.

The hay crop is very, very short this year, and the party taking the military contract for less than \$12 per ton will lose big money. The April and May drouth played havoc with the prospects of the hay contractor.

Drumm and Snider bought 2,000 head of four-year-old steers this week, of Major John D. Miles. Williamson, Blair & Co. wintered the cattle. They come out of the Shaughi M brand, and are good cattle.—Caldwell Journal.

Mrs. R. P. Collins, of the Cheyenne school, has gone on a vacation to her home at Celina, Ohio. Mr. Collins took her to railroad station by private conveyance. Mrs. Hoag, Mrs. York and Mr. and Mrs. De Mont are left at the school.

Lieut. Henry Wygant, 24th infantry, has been detailed as instructor of military science and tactics to Bingham School, North Carolina. The good Lieutenant had been a number of years at Reno, and his transfer is regretted by a large circle of friends.

Seven thousand head of beef cattle were delivered to Indian beef contractor last week at this place, to be put in on the contract the ensuing year. They were brought up from southern Texas by Shaughi Pierce. Jot Gupter has the contract for both this and the Wichita Agency—at \$2.75 at the former and \$3.61 at the latter, cattle delivered on foot.

Carlisle Graduates.

A party of twelve of them arrived last week five Cheyennes and six Arapahoes. Each of the boys learned a trade while at Carlisle. Following is the list.

CHEYENNES.

Richard Davis - - - - - Printer
William Fletcher - - - - - Harness-maker
Carl Matches - - - - - Shoemaker

GIRLS

Julia Bent
Myra Cedar Grove.

ARAPAHOES.

Henry North - - - - - Printer
Casper Edson - - - - - Harness-maker
Arnold Woolworth - - - - - Blacksmith.

GIRLS.

Sarah Sifting Bull
Jessie Spreads Hands
Lydia Big Nose.

Hortie Stevens, a Wichita boy, came with the party to this Agency, when Capt. Lee furnished him transportation to pass on home. The two printer boys, Henry North and Richard Davis, have been seven years at Carlisle, while the rest spent five years in school. Some of the latter expect to return when school opens September 1st. All the children speak in favorable terms of the Carlisle school and of Capt. Pratt.

Forty-five Indian children graduated from the Carlisle school with the close of last term—Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Sioux, Wichitas, Ottawas, Creeks, Pueblos and Oneidas. The children were returned to their respective reservations in different parts of the United States. Only three of the above tribes belong in this Territory, four in Arizona and New Mexico; the latter, the Oneida, in Wisconsin.

W. H. Hopkins brings in the following report: About ten days since Sam Skelton was walking down Red Bluff, in the nation, when he discovered two Comanche Indians, who motioned him to stop. They were about 75 yards from him when he first saw them. They had with them two white men, tied on a pony, with their hands tied behind them. One of the Indians was riding and leading the pony carrying the white men, and the other walked behind and carried a Winchester. Skelton asked the Indians who the men were, and they said they did not know. He asked what they were going to do with them and they said they had caught them with a bunch of their ponies, and they were going to stop their stealing ponies. They asked him if he knew the men and he said no. They said "good," and told him to go along. They had a bunch of ponies with them. It is believed that the Indians killed the men.

The above is from the Mobeetie Panhandle of the 25th ult., touching a subject of which we know nothing. We have made inquiry, however, and are inclined to believe that the statement is a mistake, or something worse.

H. A. Todd, superintendent of a dozen or more of the Williamson mail routes, is in the city for the purpose of taking charge of the equipments of the Hutchinson Medicine Lodge line. The contract has expired and Mr. Todd will take the stock, tags, etc., to other parts. Mr. W. B. Nicholson takes charge of the line today and, of course, puts on his own stock. Mr. Todd's visit recalls many pleasant and some not so pleasant events in the years when we conducted the CHEYENNE, Indian Territory TRANSPORTER. The stage was our only means of travel, and many an hour have put in between Caldwell and Cheyenne on the line managed by Mr. Todd. We have never met a man who understood that business better or who made stage riding more pleasant for his passengers.—Kingman, Kansas, Democrat.

Ed. Fenlon, a brother of Thomas Fenlon, of Leavenworth, is making Arkansas City his home. Mr. Fenlon will be associated with William Decker, the Indian trader.—Arkansas City Republican.

The Mr. Decker above referred to is Mr. D., formerly of this place and Reno having been here many years.

\$20.00 Reward.

Will be paid for a yellow Irish Stag-hound, black mouth, nose, ears, etc.; a very noticeable dog; strayed from Fort Reno, April 21. Any information will be paid for by A. C. MARLEY, Fort Sill, Indian Territory.

Johnny and Eddie Murphy, the lively little sons of our hotel man, are the proud recipients of a present from Wm. Coffee of a pony. The little boys are happy over Mr. Coffee's generous gift.

The village was flooded with cowboys on the 3rd, coming from different ranges to attend the final round-up of the Agency herd. They had just finished work on Munford Johnson's range. Their presence in large numbers reminded one of by-gone days.

Thos. W. Potter, for two years a teacher in the Agency schools, has accepted a position as a teacher in the Kiowa school at Anadarko. Mr. Potter is an energetic worker, and Agent Hall is fortunate in securing his services. He went down on Friday to assume his labors.

The Reno beef contractors for this year commenced putting in beef on the first. Baird and Smith have the contract at \$6.25 per cwt., and Wm. Frass, the dairyman, is managing it. They also supply the Darlington Hotel with beef, delivering one-quarter of an animal each day.

O. C. R. Randall is the name of the new mail contractor for the Darlington and Silver City route. Capt. H. M. Maitt, from Arkansas City, began service on the first as sub. An effort is being made to have the line extended on though the Chickasaw nation to Johnsonville, a distance further of 90 miles.

Mr. A. M. Walker, having finished the Indian beef contract with the close of June, removed the contractor's cattle to the Cherokee strip last week. He had only a few hundred beeves left, which he will pasture for a short time to await better condition of the market before making shipment.

Dr. A. A. Whiting has embarked in business at Kansas City, and, with his interesting lady, is making that place his home. The Doctor is the gentleman who has so successfully superintended the Cheyenne school for the past two years. The TRANSPORTER goes to him to keep him posted on Territory matters.

Jay Willis, formerly with the old trading firm of Reynolds, Doty & Hubbell at this place, has become proprietor of the Southwestern Hotel, at Cadwell. The Southwestern is a fine large house, and we wish "Jolly Jay" success in his new undertaking. We always have thought that Jay would make a tip-top "chuck-away chief"—his shape just fits.

A team belonging to Mr. O. G. Brown, of the Post, broke loose from the hotel fence one evening last week, dashing away at a Maud S. gait. The team stopped near the river, when the buggy was found to be pretty badly damaged by being turned over and dragged by the infuriated team. Indulgence in Fourth of July sport was the cause of the runaway.

Our Agent, Capt. Lee, estimates that ten thousand bushels will be the corn crop grown on this reservation this season by Indians, entirely on newly broken ground. Ed. Guerrier and others have old established places, which, of course, will produce a much larger yield to the acre than sod ground. The corn is now in full silk and tassel, and a large crop is now an assured thing.

Having concluded the year with the close of June, all is now quiet about the school buildings. The work of each school during the past year is marked, evidences of the work of teachers and scholars being everywhere visible. The schools will re-open Sept. 1 with as much earnestness and determination as any previous year. The employees have scattered for a short vacation, and we wish all an enjoyable time.

The old quartermaster's commissary at Reno has succumbed to the march of improvement and retired in favor of company barracks. The Q. M. Department is now located in a large new brick, built for the purpose.

The annual round-up of cattle in this part of the country was completed last week in the government pasture. The boys have had a long and tedious siege of work, yet the dry weather has been favorable for such work. Rangemen like very little water in their,—swimming of every stream they come to is not at all pleasant. All strays have been taken to their respective ranges, where the stock cattle will be close herded, and soon the beeves will be taken off to market.

Two large herds of cattle belonging to the company known as the "Texas State Capitol Syndicate" were brought up the trail last week. They were being taken to the syndicate's range in the Panhandle west of here, and the men having them in charge attempted to drive across this reservation, when they were prevented from so doing by Capt. Lee. They were given a line of travel west up the Cimarron. The cattle will be turned loose upon the land bought of Texas by the syndicate, where ranches have been built and all preparations made for their reception.

Sunday, the Fourth, was a big day for the Agency and Post people, almost every one turning out to see the Cheyenne medicine dance. Every available horse and vehicle were in use, and the procession of ambulances, buggies and horsemen, leading east from the Agency was an immense one for a country so thinly populated by whites. We suppose, however, that everyone had seen the dance before, and went again merely out of curiosity or force of habit. These annual medicines are when going on the center of attraction for both Indians and whites.

Another Oklahoma.

The Greer county boundary commission, which comprises four officers of the United States army and four citizens of Texas, convened in secret session at Fort Worth on the 15th inst. The question under consideration by this commission is a very important one to the people of Texas, since it involves the ownership of a snug back yard some 1,628,000 acres in area—perhaps it's for this reason that the sessions of the commission are so secretly conducted. Each member seems bound by a Knight of Labor oath to divulge nothing, yet we are able to make the positive announcement that the commission has practically and in fact overwhelmingly decided that Greer county does not belong to the state of Texas, but that it is part and parcel of the lands belonging to the government. It is learned sub rosa, that the commission was nearly, if not quite unanimous in this conclusion, but that no official announcement can be made until the report of the chairman of the federal branch of the commission has been submitted to the secretary of war and by him approved. Greer county has for years been by many Texans considered part and parcel of the Lone Star state—but a well-informed member of the commission is authority for the statement that their never was the smallest grounds for this presumption on the part of Texas. The ancient maps exhibited by the representatives of the war department proved conclusively to the most skeptical members of the commission that the disputed territory belonged to the United States. One thing is certain, the state of Texas, made a big mistake when it presumed to give patents for lands it never had the shadow of a legal claim to. Something over half a million acres of fine grazing lands in Greer county are now located upon by veteran land certificates issued by the state of Texas. The finding of the boundary commission nullifies these pre-emptions and the parties who own these certificates will be compelled to raise them (if they have not done so already) and float them on the general market. The prospects are that veteran land certificates can be bought pretty cheap in a few weeks.